

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1744 without my signature.

The collateral consequences of signing this bill will have a negative impact on public safety. Removing the court's ability to grant a 180-day extension when good cause is demonstrated will impede the ability for a bail agent to return a defendant to court after they have failed to make their required court appearance.

Reducing a competitive marketplace in the bail industry will result in less bail being written on individuals thereby producing further overcrowding in our local jails. Many county jails are currently under federal caps which require releases of individuals regardless of status. By increasing the impact on overcrowding more defendants will be released on their own recognizance, without bail. Studies have shown it is less likely for someone who fails to appear on their court date to be found and brought to justice if they are released on their own recognizance versus those who have been released on bail.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger